

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A method for presenting data on a user device
comprising:
- receiving a request from said user device for
said data;
- identifying presentation requirements of said
10 user device; and
- selecting a presentation scheme for said data
in accordance with said presentation requirements
wherein upon application of said presentation
scheme to said data, new data presentable on said
15 user device is generated.
2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 applying said presentation scheme to said
data to create said new presentable data.
- 20 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said applying
said presentation scheme to said data is performed by
said user device.
- 25 4. The method of Claim 2 further comprising:
 transmitting said new data to said user
device to allow the presentation of said new data
on said user device.
- 30 5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising
retrieving said data.
6. The method of Claim 5 further comprising:
 applying said presentation scheme to said
35 retrieved data to create said new presentable
data.

7. The method of Claim 1 wherein said request includes a command.

8. The method of Claim 7 wherein the command is
5 selected from a group of commands consisting of load, save, article, and channel.

9. The method of Claim 7 wherein the command is a command article.

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10. The method of Claim 7 wherein the command is a command channel.

11. A method for providing data to a user device
15 comprising:

receiving a request from a user device generated by selection of a portlet identification object on the user device;

transferring said request to a portlet
20 wherein said portlet retrieves data specified in said request over a network and further wherein said data has one format in a plurality of source data formats;

analyzing said request to determine a user
25 data format that is supported by said user device; selecting a presentation scheme to convert said data from said source data format to said user data format; and

converting said data from said source data
30 format to said user data format using said presentation scheme.

12. The method of Claim 11 said selecting a presentation scheme comprises selecting an XSL-
35 stylesheet.

13. The method of Claim 11 wherein said plurality of source data formats are MIME types.

14. The method of Claim 11 wherein said user data
5 format is specified by a MIME type.

15. The method of Claim 11 wherein said receiving is performed by a web server.

10 16. The method of Claim 11 wherein said transferring said request is performed by a portlet manager.

15 17. The method of Claim 11 wherein said request includes a command.

18. The method of Claim 17 wherein the command is selected from a group of commands consisting of load, save, article, and channel.

20 19. The method of Claim 17 wherein the command is a command article.

20. The method of Claim 17 wherein the command is a command channel.

25 21. A method for providing data to a user device comprising:

30 receiving a request from a user device generated by selection of a portlet identification object on the user device by a web server;

analyzing said request by said web server to determine whether said request is for content associated with a portlet;

35 transferring said request to a presentation manager upon determining that said request is for said content associated with a portlet;

passing said request to said portlet by said
presentation manager wherein said portlet
retrieves data specified in said request over a
network and further wherein said data has a source
5 MIME type;
analyzing said request to identify a user
MIME type;
selecting a presentation scheme from a
plurality of presentation schemes based upon said
10 user MIME type and said source MIME type; and
converting said data from said source MIME
type to said user MIME type using said
presentation scheme.

15 22. The method of Claim 21 said selecting a
presentation scheme comprises selecting an XSL-
stylesheet.

20 23. The method of Claim 21 wherein said request
includes a command.

24. The method of Claim 23 wherein the command is
selected from a group of commands consisting of load,
save, article, and channel.

25 25. The method of Claim 21 wherein the command is
a command article.

30 26. The method of Claim 21 wherein the command is
a command channel.

27. A presentation manager server system
comprising:

35 a web server;
a presentation manager coupled to said web
server;

at least one portlet coupled to said presentation manager.

28. The presentation manager server system of
5 Claim 27 wherein said at least one portlet comprises a mail portlet.

29. The presentation manager server system of
Claim 27 wherein said at least one portlet comprises a
10 resource description framework portlet.

30. The presentation manager server system of
Claim 27 wherein said at least one portlet comprises an
internal network information portlet.
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31. The presentation manager server system of
Claim 27 further comprising a storage medium having
stored thereon a plurality of presentation schemes.

32. The presentation manager server system of
20 Claim 27 wherein said web server comprises a servlet container.

33. The presentation manager server system of
25 Claim 27 wherein said presentation manager comprises a servlet.

34. The presentation manager server system of
Claim 27 further comprising a plurality of user devices
30 coupled to said web server.

35. A computer program product having stored
thereon computer instructions for a method comprising:
receiving a request from said user device for
35 said data;
identifying presentation requirements of said
user device; and

5 selecting a presentation scheme for said data
in accordance with said presentation requirements
wherein upon application of said presentation
scheme to said data, new data presentable on said
user device is generated.

36. A computer program product having stored
thereon computer instructions for a method comprising:
receiving a request from a user device
10 generated by selection of a portlet identification
object on the user device;
transferring said request to a portlet
wherein said portlet retrieves data specified in
said request over a network and further wherein
15 said data has one format in a plurality of source
data formats;
analyzing said request to determine a user
data format that is supported by said user device;
selecting a presentation scheme to convert
20 said data from said source data format to said
user data format; and
converting said data from said source data
format to said user data format using said
presentation scheme.

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37. A computer program product having stored
thereon computer instructions for a method comprising:
receiving a request from a user device
generated by selection of a portlet identification
30 object on the user device by a web server;
analyzing said request by said web server to
determine whether said request is for content
associated with a portlet;
transferring said request to a presentation
35 manager upon determining that said request is for
said content associated with a portlet;

passing said request to said portlet by said
presentation manager wherein said portlet
retrieves data specified in said request over a
network and further wherein said data has a source
5 MIME type;
analyzing said request to identify a user
MIME type;
selecting a presentation scheme from a
plurality of presentation schemes based upon said
10 user MIME type and said source MIME type; and
converting said data from said source MIME
type to said user MIME type using said
presentation scheme.

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